

OPINION 1605

Thorius pennatulus Cope, 1869 (Amphibia, Caudata): specific name conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *pennatribus* Cope, 1869 (May), as published in the binomen *Thorius pennatribus*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *Thorius* Cope, 1869 (May) (gender: masculine), type species by monotypy *Thorius pennatribus* Cope, 1869 (May) (= *pennatulus* Cope, 1869 (June)), is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *pennatulus* Cope, 1869 (June), as published in the binomen *Thorius pennatulus* (specific name of the type species of *Thorius* Cope, 1869 by virtue of the ruling in (1) above), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(4) The name *pennatribus* Cope, 1869, as published in the binomen *Thorius pennatribus* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2650

An application for the conservation of *Thorius pennatulus* Cope, 1869 was received from Drs H.M. Smith, J. Hanken & D. Chiszar (*University of Colorado at Boulder, Colorado, U.S.A.*) on 14 March 1988. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 45: 210–211 (September 1988). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1989 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 45: 211. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1990 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 26: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Mroczkowski, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 1: Thompson.

No vote was received from Starobogatov.

Nye would have preferred to treat *pennatribus* as an incorrect original spelling. Thompson considered insufficient evidence had been provided to determine whether use of the plenary powers was justified.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

pennatribus, *Thorius*, Cope, 1869 (May), *American Naturalist*, 3(4): 222.

pennatulus, *Thorius*, Cope, 1869 (June), *Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia*, 21: 111.

Thorius Cope, 1869 (May), *American Naturalist*, 3(4): 222.